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The Crisis Passed.

At a late hour last night the Republican and Democratic committees of the legislature reconciled their differences by agreeing that all contests be suspended, the Democrats conceding the justice of the Republican propositions. This gives the Republicans three majority on joint ballot.

It is now hoped that the Republicans can compose the differences in their own ranks, as the vote in the senate and house yesterday disclosed the fact that two Republicans of the house of delegates refused to vote for the caucus nominee for senator, one of them voting for Judge Blizard, and the other for Judge Goff. We congratulate the conservative Democrats of the legislature on their signal triumph over that element that the Register would glorify. If the advice of that unscrupulous organ had been followed there is no telling what disgrace to the good name of the state might have been entailed.

The City Election.

This is the day before the city election, and all signs point to the success of the Republican nominees. They are deserving of the support of every Republican, and their character and reputation will, no doubt, attract many votes from the Democratic party. The government of the city has been well administered, and the conservative citizens will emphasize this fact at the polls to-morrow.

No thinking man takes any stock in the vituperative complaints of the Register. The animus of the attacks is too well known. It exercises no persuasive power within its own party and exerts no influence out of it. The voters at this stage have virtually decided for whom they will cast their ballots, and any instructions that may be tendered them at this late hour will be deemed an impertinence.

The Intelligencer is quite willing to leave the decision with the people, and has the greatest confidence as to the verdict that will be rendered.

As to Unpaid Bills.

Most recklessly and entirely without regard for the quality of truthfulness, yesterday's Register asserts that unpaid bills are carried over each year by Republican administrations at the city hall. The Register would thus excuse its own party's record during its last year's lease of power in this city, but it avails the desperate Market street organ nothing, for as a matter of fact no unpaid bills are held over at the city hall now. At the close of each year all outstanding bills are paid, and the Intelligencer challenges the Register to disprove this assertion. The books of the several departments at the city hall are open for inspection by any citizen in search of information. The Republican administration has nothing to fear from the most searching scrutiny. As much could not be said of Democratic administrations.

The Market Street Tartuffe.

The Morning Misinformers yesterday proceeded to tear its hair over the suspension of Senator Kidd pending a settlement of the contest for the seat. Its indignation over what it is pleased to call "revolutionary proceedings," comes with bad grace and still less consistency when the Taylor and Monroe county contests in the house of delegates are considered. There was real infamy. The whole matter was pre-judged, and the Democratic programme carried out without the least observance of the proprieties or justice. These high-handed tactics were endorsed by the Misinformers simply because they were in line with the Democratic conspiracy to nullify the will of the people. In the case of Mr. Via, of Monroe county, no effort was made to obtain evidence, the committee arbitrarily designating Mr. Logan as the one entitled to the seat. And what was done in the Brohard-Dent contest? The Democratic members of the sub-committee stole away from Charleston a day before the time set for departure for Grafton, and got in a day's work before the arrival of the Republican member of the committee. Even that fact bears the suggestion of a dishonest consideration of the matter. But that is not all. When the examination of the ballots

began to show the palpable frauds that had been committed on the ballot box the inquiry was suddenly closed and they returned to Charleston, eager to flee from the sight of the accusing ballots. In that investigation the election commissioners of Grafton precinct No. 5 deposed that Brohard was scratched only five times at their voting place, and yet the ballots had been changed to make Mr. Brohard lose thirty-five votes there, and changed in the same handwriting as that which made the changes in the other precincts, and in a handwriting entirely foreign to the other changes made upon some of the same tickets as to other offices than that of delegate. The commissioners from court house precinct No. 2, where Mr. Brohard now loses thirty-four votes, testified that he was scratched there not to exceed four times, at most, and they were firmly convinced that it was not that many times. And so it went all the way through, and so interesting did the investigation become, and so dangerous to the apparent purpose of the committee, acting, no doubt, as it was, under instructions to report in favor of Dent, that all further proceedings were cut short by the committee on Saturday night, notwithstanding the protest of Brohard's counsel that they had abundant other evidence to submit. They were not permitted to do so. So unexpected and surprising was the testimony furnished by Brohard of a fraud upon the ballot, that the committee who had evidently anticipated that no such evidence could be produced, simply turned tail and ran away from further disclosures.

Again it was shown that Dent's name was written on the Republican tickets with an indelible pencil when all the other markings were made with pen and ink. What does that show, if it doesn't indicate fraud? Isn't there something "revolutionary" lurking in such disclosures?

But this is not all. On Monday resolutions were introduced in the house impeaching the titles of four Republican members without the slightest evidence of any irregularity as to their election and qualification as members, the technical objections cited amounting to nothing. The action was made supremely ridiculous by claiming that Delegate Legge, of Marshall, was a special agent of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, "a corporation." In their haste they confounded the name of the father, who is not a member of the legislature, with that of the son, who is. Is there nothing "revolutionary" in all this? Let the conscienceless Tartuffe of Market street put these things in his pipe and assimilate them before he again affects to moralize.

The opposition organ deliberately falsifies in its comment upon the ludicrous action of the Democratic candidates for council in the Seventh ward, when it says that the Republican candidates there have not pledged themselves to free bridges. Is it necessary to recall to the attention of the Register the fact that the Republican suggestion meeting on the island endorsed free bridges and that no such platform of principles was enunciated at the Democratic suggestion meeting? If the Register forgets this, other people have not.

Careful handling of the fire department appropriation last year made it possible to spend less money than was spent in 1897, and at the same time add three new chemicals to the department's equipment.

Every department of the city government is now highly efficient. How different as compared with the condition of affairs at the city hall when the good government Republican administration came into power four years ago!

Democratic gas boards were unable to keep expenditures within the limits of revenues. Since 1895 the board has been under Republican control. In addition to keeping within the limits of revenues, the Republican boards are each year decreasing that gas board overdraft, the legacy of the last Democratic board. Do the people of Wheeling desire a return to such reckless extravagance and mismanagement?

In four years of Republican rule at the city hall there has been a refreshing absence of gas board overdrafts, extravagance and incapacity, defaults on loans, and the other misdeeds that characterized Democratic rule in this city. And the people of Wheeling realize to-day that the return of the Democracy to power in the city hall means a return also to these very undesirable things.

It is necessary to have an exceptionally good man at the helm in the city clerk's office. We have such a man now in the person of Charles H. Watkins. An untired man in this position would be a disastrous and costly experiment.

For two terms John W. Norrington has faithfully filled the position of city wharfmaster. His good work is evident in increased wharfage dues collected last year. He may do even better this year. Give him the opportunity.

Mayor Butts does not deserve to be singled out for defeat; he ought to have as large a majority as any man on the Republican ticket. His record of honesty, ability and watchful care of the interests of the city commands the support of all good citizens.

The last year of Democratic rule at the city hall was the occasion of a default on the principal of the electric light loan. In 1898 there was no default; \$35,000 of city bonds were redeemed. A Republican administration means careful handling of the city finances.

Another year of good government under Republican auspices will likely mean the entire wiping out of that Democratic legacy—the gas board overdraft.

The Republican candidates are men of ability, whose election means a continuance of the present era of good government at the city hall.

The Sunday edition of the Pittsburgh Post has been much improved, an added excellence being the elegant art

supplement of half-tone pictures, which are the most artistically executed of any we have seen.

Wall street has gone wild over the stock market. Many fortunes have been made already, but the day will come to shear the lambs, and then some things will drop.

The more the Register maligns and misrepresents the more votes there will be added to the Republican candidates.

William Clemans was a good lieutenant of police; he will make an excellent chief of police.

NOT THE RIGHT MR. WILSON.

Annex Guest Reads the Riot act After Too Many Interviews.

Chicago Inter Ocean: There came near being a tragedy at the Auditorium annex last evening. It all came about from an entry on the register as follows: "J. M. Wilson, Washington, D. C." This entry caught the eye of divers and sundry reporters, who jumped to the conclusion that this was the secretary of agriculture, and a concerted move toward Mr. Wilson's room began.

It so happened, however, that the Mr. Wilson at the annex was not the same Mr. Wilson suspected by the reporters, not the secretary of agriculture at all, but a plain, ordinary, unassuming citizen, who craved quiet more than all things. But he was patient and courteous, and the first three or four reporters who asked him about the crops and what he was going to do for the Philippines, and how many seeds he intended to send out this year, and if he thought the island of Guam would cut any large figure in the production of corn, and what President McKinley's policy was, and how politics looked in Iowa, and how he regarded the idea of a larger army, and what would be done with Eagan and Miles, were answered very civilly, albeit he notified them firmly that he was not a cabinet officer, never had been and never would be, Providence willing.

But as the procession of scribes kept coming, cheerful and expectant, without any prospect of an end, Mr. Wilson lost his equanimity and summoned the clerk, to whom he read the riot act.

"I don't want to disgrace your hotel or make any trouble," said he, "but, by gum, if any damned fellow, reporter or anybody else, asks me anything about the crops while I am in this city I will slug him on the spot. I don't know anything about the President's policy, and I don't care a rap. I don't know whether Guam is in the Klondike or a ward in Constantinople, and, what's more, by George, I don't care. If you can't protect me from these curious people send me a Gatling gun and a machine and I'll see if I can't boom business for the coroner a bit. Good night, sir; send up a few more reporters and you will see blood flow knee deep in your gilded corridors."

He waved the clerk away. No more reporters obtained access to Mr. Wilson last night.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

A broad stomach doesn't always indicate a broad mind.

There are more good women in the world than great ones.

It's a wise dude that doesn't marry an athletic young woman.

A fire escape often results from handling in your resignation.

Speaking of colleges, old age usually improves their faculties.

It doesn't pay to hire a trained nurse to look after your troubles.

Some people seem to think others have no right to think as they please.

A man with one idea is called a crank, but lots of men can plead not guilty.

The boarding house beef steak is rare when it appears on the table only once a week.

The chronic kicker is always disliked, but he gets more attention than the meek man.

This would be a quiet, peaceable world were it not for the movements of the under jaw.

The figures encaused in tailor-made suits may not lie, but appearances are very often misleading.

When the contracting parties unite in their efforts to make marriage a success it is seldom a failure—Chicago Daily News.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

After the honeymoon blushing is only perfunctory.

Evil cannot harm a good woman, because it does not come near her.

When folly is pretty and well dressed it easily makes a fool of wisdom.

Some women who will split an honest man's heart in two without caring are careful not to hurt a bad man's feelings.

A man will smile at the abuse of his wife, but when she reminds him of the sentimental poetry he used to quote to her it makes him raving mad.—New York Press.

Shall Porto Rico be a State?

Our public men are trying to decide what action should be taken regarding the status of Porto Rico. We have never before had to deal with a similar condition where nearly a million people of a foreign tongue have been annexed. Neither have we ever had before such a reliable medicine for malaria, fever and ague as Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It drives the poisons out of the system, and establishes strength to resist future attacks.

We give no rewards, an offer of this kind is the meanness of deception. Our plan is to give every one a chance to try the merit of Ely's Cream Balm—the original balm for the cure of Catarrh, Ely's Cream Balm in the Head, by mailing for ten cents a trial size to test its curative powers. We mail the 50 cent size also and the druggist keeps it. Test it and you are sure to continue the treatment. Relief is immediate and a cure follows. Ely Brothers, 55 Warren street, New York.

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He—"So you visited Pompeii?" She—"Oh, yes." He—"How did you like it?" She—"Well, I must say I was awfully disappointed in the place. Of course, it was beautifully located and all that, but it was dreadfully out of repair."—Tit-Bits.

"I was sorry to do it," said Mr. Stormington Barnes, "but I was obliged to take notice of such gross neglect of duty. I have discharged the property man." "He was very careless," remarked Mr. Orestes Van Ham. "He forgot the prompt book twice." "It's worse than that this time. He has allowed the company to come away without its road map."—Washington Star.

"I see that Russia has completed plans for a railway in China," remarked the morose citizen. "Well, that doesn't affect our personal interests," replied the flippant friend. "No, but I can't help sympathizing with other people when they get into trouble. I'd certainly hate to be the man whose business it is to stand on the platform and call off the stations."—Washington Star.

"Did I understand you," said the imposing and handsome lady caller, "that marriage is a civil contract?" "Nothing is better settled, madam," replied the lawyer whom she was consulting. "Then I desire you to proceed against my husband at once for breach of contract." "But on what grounds, my dear lady?" "He hasn't been civil to me an hour since we were married."—Detroit Free Press.

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"Cut it short," replied the clerk.

John sat down and thought. Soon after, to his immense astonishment, the old man received the following cablegram: "Squills, London: Fatted calf for one."

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